

Chickasaw-Shiloh RC&D Council – BEE A READER Program



This is the fourth year the Chickasaw-Shiloh RC&D Council has sponsored its **BEE A READER** Program in its nine-county area. This program works in conjunction with the school system's Accelerated Reader program and was started to encourage elementary school students to read. The Accelerated Reader Program is a computerized learning information system. The program allows students to read and take quizzes covering thousands of book titles and earn points for comprehension. As an extra incentive, the RC&D Council offers two complete computer systems to the students with the highest number of points in grades K-2nd and grades 3rd-5th. Teachers and librarians send reports to the Council throughout the school year listing their top five readers in each grade level. At the end of the school year the points are tallied and the top five from the two grade levels are awarded prizes.

All top five students from each school were awarded a Certificate of Achievement. The RC&D area's top winner in the K-2nd grade level was Ethan Small, 1st grader Pin Oak Elementary in Henderson County, winning the computer with 580 points. In the 3rd – 5th grade level the computer went to Rachel Mitchell, 5th grader at Jackson Christian School in Madison County, with 697 points. The 2nd through 5th place winners in both grade levels were awarded Davis-Kidd Bookstores gift certificates and placement certificates.



The schools have been very enthusiastic about the BEE A READER Program and say that the students enjoy the competition. The Council hopes to sponsor this program for the 2004-2005 school year.